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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in this application.

**Listing of the Claims:**

1. (currently amended) An emergency communication system; comprising:

an emergency communication system terminal unit installed on a ~~an~~ vehicle;

~~emergency communication conveying means serving as a~~ an emergency communication device ~~and~~ connected to said terminal unit so that a signal can be transmitted and received by said communication device, said emergency communication system transmits emergency information to a predetermined communication partner via said emergency communication ~~conveying means, device;~~

whereby said emergency communication system further comprises:

means for detecting whether or not said emergency communication ~~conveying device~~ means is connected to said emergency communication system terminal unit so that a signal can be transmitted by the communication device and received by the communication system terminal unit; and

means for prohibiting advancing movement of the vehicle when it is detected that the ~~conveying means~~ communication device is not within the vehicle and not connected to the communication system terminal unit ~~as the result of said detection.~~

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2. (currently amended) An emergency communication system according to claim 1, wherein a handy phone is used as said emergency communication ~~conveying means~~ device, and a telephone number specific to said handy phone is collated with a telephone number stored in the communication system in advance, and if the two telephone numbers do not agree with each other, operation of a starting system of the vehicle is turned to a disable status.

3. (currently amended) An emergency communication system according to claim 1, wherein, in case automatic transmission is adopted in the vehicle, operation of the starting system of the vehicle is turned to a disable status so that a shift knob cannot be shifted from a parking range position to ~~the other range~~ a drive position.

4. (currently amended) An emergency communication system according to claim 1, wherein operation of a starting system of the vehicle is turned to a disable status by prohibiting the release of a parking brake of the vehicle.

5. (currently amended) An emergency communication system according to claim 1, wherein, in case it is not possible to confirm normal connection of the emergency communication ~~conveying means~~ device to the emergency communication system terminal unit, there is further provided means for transmitting information to ~~the~~ a user that it is not possible to confirm normal connection of the emergency communication ~~conveying means~~ device.

6. (currently amended) An emergency communication system according to claim 1, wherein an indicator is provided on a dashboard where instruments are installed, and said indicator is used for ~~transmitting~~ indicating that it is not possible to confirm normal connection of the emergency communication ~~conveying means~~ device.

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7. (currently amended) An emergency communication system according to claim 1, wherein, in case it is not possible to confirm normal connection of the emergency ~~communication conveying means~~ device to the emergency communication system terminal unit, there is provided further means for recording the data incident to the non-connection event ~~that it is not possible to confirm normal connection of the emergency communication means as history.~~